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SUBJ: ASIAN LABOR MINISTERS CONFERENCE

REF: TOKYO 12812, OCTOBER 4, 1973

1. LABATT INFORMED DECEMBER 26 BY GANI SAMIL, CHIEF,
BUREAU FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS AND INFORMATION, MANPOWER
MINISTRY, THAT INDONESIA DISTURBED ABOUT ASIAN LABOR
MINISTERS CONFERENCE ACHEDULED FOR EARLY APRIL 1975 IN
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AUSTRALIA BECUASE AUSTRALIA HAS INVITED THE PEOPLE'S

REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND NORTH VIETNAM TO ATTEND.
ACCORDING TO SAMIL, INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS
QUEIED MANPOWER MINISTRY, ASKING IF MANPOWER MINISTER
SUBROTO PLANS TO ATTEND, AND BEEN INFORMED THAT MINISTER
SUBROTO AND HIS WIFE PLAN TO DO SO. FOREIGN MINISTRY
REPORTEDLY FEARS CHINESE COMMUNIST AND/OR NORTH VIETNAMESE
MAY USE WHAT IS SCHEDULED TO BE MEETING TO DISCUSS
TECHNICAL MANPOWER PROBLEMS FOR POLITICAL FORUM.

2. MEETING OF ASEAN NATIONS LABOR MINISTERS HAS NOW
BEEN SCHEDULED FOR END FEBRUARY IN JAKARTA. IT WILL BE
USED TO TRY AND DEVELOP A JOINT ASEAN POSITION REGARDING
THE ASIAN LABOR MINISTERS CONFERENCE.

3. COMMENT: WHAT THE INDONESIAN POSITION WILL BE AT
THE ASEAN CONFERENCE IS NOT YET KNOWN EVEN TO THE
INDONESIANS. THE MANPOWER MINISTRY AND THE FOREIGN
MINISTRY EVIDENTALLY REGARD IT AS A VERY SENSITIVE
PROBLEM. THEY WISH NEITHER TO EMBARRASS THE AUSTRALIANS NOR TO BE
EMBARRASSED THEMSELVES BY THE COMMUNIST CHINESE OR NORTH
VIETNAMESE. END COMMENT

4. SAMIL ASKED LABATT IF HE KNEW WHETHER PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC AND NORTH VIETNAM HAVE LABOR MINISTERS AND WHAT
THEIR NAMES ARE. LABATT COULD NOT ENLIGHTEN HIM BUT SAID
HE WOULD INQUIRE. CAN THE DEPARTMENT INFORM US SO
THAT WE MAY INFORM SAMIL? TOUSSAINT

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